REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were originally filed in the parent application. In a restriction requirement, election was required to be made between claims 1-3 drawn to a gas flow catalyst bed reactor, and 4-8 drawn to a process for improving fluid flow uniformity in a gas phase reactor. Claims 4-8 were further restricted to Group IIA, claims 4-6; and Group IIB claims 7-8. In the parent to the present case, the applicants elected to prosecute Claims 4-6. Applicants have prosecuted Claims 4-6 to allowance.

Applicant now elects to proceed with the non-elected claims 1-3.

Consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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